

LOOK OUT WORLD...HERE I COME!

Micheal Jones is the Teacher-Director of the Visitation Valley Childcare and Preschool Programs. He is a fine teacher and a fun teacher. His ebullient readings of the books that we read to the children during the school day are the opening "act" of the monthly Parent Council meetings. He started these readings to show the parents how important it was to read to the children and to give the parents some ideas on techniques. This has proved popular among the parents, and now if a story is not forthcoming...someone is sure to ask, "How about our story?"

Micheal's playground technique is another example of his unique and compelling style. He is pictured above demonstrating his grand prix racing trike style. His airplane hitch-bike and



his roaring monster noises are also popular with the younger set. If you are interested in learning tech-

niques for working with children, and have some spare time, Micheal is always happy to have volunteers in the class-

rooms. It is quite an experience working with our Micheal...he's one in a million - a real gem!

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WVES Students receive Coonradt Grants

by Gerry L. Galvan

Visitation Valley Elementary School is one proud and lucky school. It has garnered a series of honors and grants all these years, and among the latest of such blessings involved three of the school's students.

Charlene Wilson, 11, and Angel Orellano, 12, were awarded this year's Mark Coonradt Scholarship grant of fifty dollars (\$50) each. The two Visitation school students were chosen by a St. James church committee on the basis of recommendation from the school administrators and teachers.

Charlene, for example, who hopes to become a beautician has been reported to be a conscientious student. She loves school and has studied hard. Her favorite subjects, according to her, are reading and spelling. She lives with her parents, Jackie Butler and Philip Drumm.

Orellano was awarded the Mark Coonradt Scholarship for his diligence and academic capabilities. He says of himself and his future, "My parents encourage me to do good in my home and school work and to stay in school in the future. Receiving the Rev. Mark Coonradt Memorial award made me very happy. I thank all of my teachers who taught me to read books, which I love very much."

Certainly, Visitation Elementary School is equally, if not exactly more proud of Michael Drummer. This young gentleman who hopes to become an attorney when he grows up was walking along Visitation Avenue one day when he saw lying on the pavement some cash.

Immediately, he thought of turning it over to Vincent Chao, the school principal, who - in turn - turned it over to the police. Chao, it has been reported, took the proper steps of calling the police about the find. He has the name of the police officer who took custody of the money.



Rev Resus awards a prize to Charlene Wilson



Angel Orellano receives an award from Rev. Resus

Koyuse Club Celebration

by Anne Kaartunen

Adventure, intrigue, self-esteem and fun are words which describe the CAMP FIRE BOYS AND GIRLS programs, which were offered to 110 community children, grades 1 - 6. The KOYUSE CLUB was started in my kitchen, six years ago; and since then, we have served more than 500 youngsters in Visitation Valley.

On June 7th, a POT LUCK/AWARDS CELEBRATION was held in our club room, where 80 guests shared multi-cultural foods and interacted with the club's members. CAMP FIRE projects were viewed and programs explained.

An awards ceremonial, the lighting of the candles of HOPE, WORK, HEALTH and LOVE (WOHELO is a watch-word expressing CAMP FIRE'S philosophy) was the special event of the evening. The campers sang songs, after which they received their emblems. The emblems were earned by helping in the community, doing special art projects, learning outdoor skills, participating in self-reliance programs and by working on personal behavior.

The atmosphere mirrored a sense of pride and success for each camper...wonderful kids.

KOYUSE CLUB'S staff and campers wish to thank our funders and supporters: VISITACION VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER, THE GRAPEVINE, THE SAN FRANCISCO FOUNDATION, GRUBB & ELLIS, A.T. & T., AND NUMEROUS OTHER INDIVIDUAL DONORS. WOHELO!

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CENTERVIEW

Recently, I saw a TV News report about some parents of high school students on the east coast. They were protesting a Program that the high school had which required each student to do community service volunteer work. They equated the required volunteer work with "slavery".

In San Francisco, many of the high school students are doing volunteer work through the "Learning Through Serving" (LTS) Program, and although it is not a required Program in the School District, many of the students who have volunteered through LTS feel that it should be a required course.

LTS student volunteers work in over 100 schools and agencies around San Francisco, performing such diverse jobs as tutoring, childcare, food preparation, newsletter production, animal care, recreation leadership and myriad others. The skills they learn are directly applicable to future employment, but more importantly, they are learning the value of volunteering.

Assisting your fellow humans without thought of payment or reward can be a liberating experience. It res-

tores your faith in human nature. It frees your mind from the day to day preoccupation we all seem to have with money and "equity". The "I'll scratch your back - you scratch mine" mentality can be so destructive. We can wait so long for someone to scratch our back: just as long as that other person is waiting for us to scratch theirs. That's kind of what happened to our American society. "Nobody volunteers anymore." "Yes, I'll 'volunteer'...what'll you pay me?"

We wait for paid government workers to give us needed help. Then we wonder why they act as if they don't care about us and our families. If you do a job because you are getting paid for it, it can become "just a job". If you do it because you love it, regardless of pay or no pay, it is different. Nothing else can compare to the look in the eye of someone you have truly helped, except the look in your eye after you go home knowing that you made a difference in someone's life... quick, look in the mirror!

What do you think? Since we have all forgotten anything except what will pay the most money, should volunteer experience be required as part of the high school curriculum? How do you feel about volunteering? If you couldn't read a story to your kids, and you wanted to; how would you feel if the local tutoring program couldn't find a volunteer to teach you to read? What do you think would make people want to volunteer? Let us know. Write to "Grapevine", 50 Raymond Ave., San Francisco, Ca. 94134.

WE GET LETTERS...

June 6, 1991

Editor
The Grapevine
Visitation Valley
50 Raymond Avenue
San Francisco, Ca. 94134

Dear Editor:

We have a crisis in our schools, and one of the leading reasons for the crisis, and frustration for parents, children and the taxpayers, is the busing program. It is time to take a look at this

program because the purpose for which it was intended is no longer applicable.

Money is being spent without obtaining intended results. Schools are now made unequal by court decree. The busing and Consent Decree programs are not cost effective, nor do they produce educational excellence. The program has lost its usefulness, and it is time to be discontinued.

I, along with many other people in the city would be happy to see the busing program in San Francisco dismantled - and let's get on with education!

Sincerely,
Enola D. Maxwell

TO YOUR HEALTH

You may save a life...

A basic life support, C.P.R. class will be held on July 20, 1991 from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Health Center #3, 1525 Silver Avenue (near San Bruno).

This class offers skills necessary for you to become a "bystander" C.P.R. provider. Pre-registration is required, as well as a \$5.00 fee for materials.

Please call Amana Panni, Health Educator, for more information.

UCSF is looking at Executive Park as a place to locate some of its operations.

In that vein, they came out to see what kinds of services the neighborhood is interested in. They have already started an interesting program at Candlestick Park, placing an emergency physician at Candlestick Park every time there is a game, and training Candlestick security guards in CPR. This program has saved at least one life already, as described in the July/August issue of the UCSF newsletter, "News for You". On April 15th, a woman collapsed while leaving the opening night baseball game.

UCSF-trained paramedics and a physician responded to the call of the Candlestick security guard, and although the woman's heart had stopped beating, were able to revive her. She is OK now, and very thankful for the UCSF program that saved her life.

LITERACY STUDENTS SUCCEED

Greengrocer and television chef Curtis Aikens has served his culinary delights for people such as renowned chefs Julia Child and Paul Prudome, Oscar nominee Holly Hunter, and Boxing Heavyweight Champion of the World, Evander Holyfield. Aikens is also a spokesperson for Naturally Fresh Salad Dressings and Del Monte Tropical Foods Company. He now shares his wealth of knowledge with you in his new book, Greengrocer's Guide to the Harvest.

Despite a successful career in

produce, Aikens had one problem: he could not read. With the help of the Marin County Free Library literacy program, Curtis Aikens learned to read at age 26. He is now a dedicated advocate of literacy. 50% of his royalties from Greengrocer's Guide to the Harvest will go to literacy groups around the country.

Meet Aikens and Bay Area literacy students at a press conference on Wednesday, July 10, 1991, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lurie Room of the San Francisco Main Library.

Do you want to volunteer?

Many Visitation Valley organizations need your help. Do you want to teach reading to adults so that they can read to their children and grandchildren? Call VVCC at 467-6400.

Do you want to tutor young children? Call SF Educational Services at 468-7055. They have tutoring programs in the area, including the Program at Sunnydale sponsored by Mothers & Fathers of Concern.

How about recreation, field trips, games and fun for kids? Try Herz

Playground at 337-4706; or Little Vis Playground at Leland and Cora (see Junior); or the Sunnydale Boys & Girls Club at 584-5028.

Arts & Crafts and Music are classes that VVCC has been offering the kids in the afternoons from 3:00 to 5:30. If you are good at working with youngsters and have a talent for these things, please call 467-6400.

Like working with seniors? Both the John King Senior Center at 239-6233 and VVCC Senior Center at 467-4499 can use you. VVCC likes to do "inter-generational programming" as well, where seniors and children do things together.

Can you speak any dialect of Chinese? Like teaching? The Visitation Valley Baptist Chinese Mission has a summer school for youth that could use some help.

If you like to write. If you can write in English language, or Spanish, or Filipino, or Chinese...volunteer for the Grapevine. Our neighborhood newspaper is always looking for writers, artists, translators, people to sell ads. It is an all volunteer effort, and is well-received in the neighborhood. Call 467-6400 for this.

There are many other volunteer opportunities in Visitation Valley. If you know of any, call us at 467-6400 and let us know. We'll be glad to publicize them for you.

Valley
Vitals

- Fond farewells to Daron & Danielle Cooper and their mother, Dari. They are moving to Kentucky. We'll miss you. (VVCC Childcare)
- Farewell also to Jacinda and Lakai Fairbanks, who are going to a new family. Congratulations. We'll be thinking of you, and hoping you'll visit us someday. (VVCC Childcare)
- Get well soon: Otis Bakerink, Vera Hill, Flo Areja, Maria Canoy, Rose Donovan...your friends miss you.
- In our prayers: Randy Nelson passed away 6/20/91. Our condolences to the family.



Dari Cooper with
Danielle and Daron

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Sen. Quentin Kopp

LET'S MAKE VOTING EASIER

by Quentin L. Kopp

Last year after the overwhelming defeat of more than three-quarters of the initiative and bond measures on California's November 6, 1990 ballot, many voters complained that they did not understand the provisions of most of the ballot items and had little time for review and analysis.

California's Secretary of State, March Fong Eu, explains that the complaint most often received by her office about the Voter's Handbook is that the



descriptions of the state ballot measures are too complicated and too

difficult to understand. "Readability" studies indicate that most of the state voter's pamphlet is written for those who have completed their junior year of college, a pitifully small percentage of eligible voters.

HOW DO WE MAKE VOTING EASY?

A recent survey found that two-thirds of the respondents believed that adding an explanation of what a "yes" or "no" vote means for state ballot measures would improve the usefulness of the voter's handbook. Certainly San Francisco voters have found that the choices posed by the city's often complex ballot issues have been elucidated by the summaries made available in the city's ballot handbook pursuant to an ordinance which I authored successfully as a member of our Board of Supervisors in 1973.

I believe that all Californians should be provided information that is easy to

read and digest which is why I've authored Senate Bill 321 requiring the state ballot to include summaries of the meaning of a "yes" or "no" vote, just like we do in San Francisco.

AUDIO-CASSETTES FOR VOTERS?

Many California voters who are blind or otherwise visually impaired, illiterate or pressed for time can't or don't utilize the state ballot for information. Although the Secretary of State currently provides an audio cassette version of the ballot for the visually impaired, the supply is very limited. SB 321 also requires the Secretary of State to make audio cassettes available to voters who request them.

The bill passed the Senate on June 6th on a 26-2 vote and will be considered by the Assembly Committee on Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments on July 9th.



HAZARDS OF TRAVEL

If you choose to travel alone, you are bound to have problems, inconveniences and obstacles, including the hostilities of the natives and, occasionally, of the police. If you carry a camera, you are followed and watched. You cannot hide, since you stick out like a sore thumb.

I aroused the most suspicion in India where I was told, before landing, that 16mm movie cameras were not allowed in their country. I had to smuggle mine

by tying it behind my back and bowing and backing away from the inspector until I was hidden by the crowd.

They frown upon anyone taking photographs of their poor quarters or of their animals roaming the streets. Those were of more interest to me than their modern buildings and spacious parks, which I also captured on film. I like to depict both sides of a culture.

Tourists, when traveling in groups, are welcome anywhere in the world. They travel in comfort and are helped and protected by their tour guide. He does all the paperwork, including passport visas and flight reservations.

In South America, the red tape is beyond belief. To cash travelers' checks, there is only one place to go, 'El Banco Nacional' of each country, where the waiting line is measured in miles.

In Lima, when my passport was stolen, I was stranded. I had plenty of American Express travelers' checks,

but I couldn't cash them without a passport. I went to the American Express agent who explained he had no authority to cash their own checks. Only 'El Banco Nacional del Peru' could do that.

I am sorry to report that the Police in South America are not much help to the stranded tourist. They close an eye to their thieving countrymen and they classify you, the victim, as a sucker. Before coming to your rescue, they want their share of the loot, which is called *La Mordida*. (The Bite)

When I went to the American Embassy to report my stolen passport, the Consul referred me to the police, assuring me that as soon as I got a report from them, I would be issued a new passport. The Police Captain was helpful but erratic. I was to go back later in the day. By then he had become invisible.

The sergeant took over and the negotiations began.

The Captain was too busy to worry about such trifles as a stolen passport. His time was too valuable unless...

And would I be back the next day?

I was furious. Not only I had been robbed, but instead of being assisted, I was being blackmailed for a handout. It was outrageous and I refused to be bled.

Apox on that Captain, I thought, and I decided to wait him out.

The hotel was responsible for my plight since they had introduced the man to me as a bona fide officer of the law. I could have demanded a restitution of my losses, but since the lady had always been extremely nice to me, I did not press the matter. She offered me free room and board until I was solvent again. What did I have to lose? I made up my mind to live it up on the house until the Captain decided to capitulate.

At the end of three days, he relented and I got my passport.

I was airborne again!

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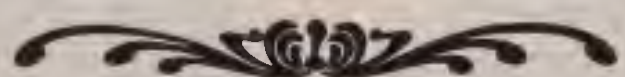
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Poetry by Students of Visitacion Valley Elementary School

HOW THE WORLD WAS MADE

A long, long time ago there was only a dog, a car, and a duck who said, "Quack, quack" splashing in water. The dog said, "Woof, woof!" and scared the duck. The duck swam away to the car floating in the water. The duck got in the car and wagged his magic tail and the car started with a roar and drove to California. The duck went to the gas station but they hadn't made the gas yet. The duck wagged his magic tail and gasoline came. He wagged his tail and an elephant came and pumped the gas and helped the duck drive. But they crashed!! with a bang. The duck wagged his magic tail and the parts of the car became buildings and the people, a cook, and houses and trees and oceans and a teddy bear. And that's how the world came to be.

group poem, room 17
written with guest poet
Duane BigEagle

RICE IN MANY LANGUAGES



MAI (rice)
FAN (cooked rice)
LESA (rice)
Looks like a letter, a flower, sun.
A bridge, where fish get up
and go out of the water.
(I saw jaws come out of the water and eat people).

My mom cooks---I have to scoop it.
I use a spoon, a fork.
I eat fish with my rice, Lau yo.

I eat chicken with my rice.
I eat egg, carrots, fish, gai,
french fries, tomatoes.
I eat Chinese rice.

Feels soft like a ninja star, like a little
rock,
a ball, a big rock.
In a bowl of rice, feels like pepper,
soft thing.

group poem, room 16

BUNNY 小白兔

I like to be a bunny because I want
people to help me.
I want people to help me because I
am soft.

by Emily Ko
2nd grade, room 101

THE LUCKIEST TREE

It's a tree that helps people.
It has one golden nut
that gives people power
when they don't know how to write.
The tree helps people to walk.

by Djalma Tillett
2nd grade, room 104

THE WEATHER IS LIKE ... OUR FIELD TRIP IS LIKE ...

(written on the day of the cancelled
field trip)

Our field trip is like trout fish
swimming inside an aquarium.

Our field trip is like lots of red,
orange, blue and all kinds of flowers.

Snow is like the sky watching
us walk to the Arboretum.

The field trip is like picking
flowers with nobody looking.

Snow is like a polar bear
Gi

Snow is like marshmallows
falling out of the sky.

group poem, room 104

IN THE BEGINNING

Once upon a time I saw a volcano
sprayed hot water out.
I saw a mountain with brown colors,
and I saw
a green turtle walking in a desert.

by Pou Emo Nelson Luapo
2nd grade, room 104

A RACCOON

A raccoon moves like a lazy person.
A raccoon color is like a black cloud.
A raccoon make a sound like a silent
person.

by Le Hal Hoang
3rd grade, room 208

LOOKING IN A MIRROR

I see freckles on my face that are
brown.
When I turn the mirror I see Wendy
looking at her hand, at 2:23.
When I separate two mirrors and put
my arm on top of them it looks
like my own arm is split.

by Robert Gack
3rd grade, room 208

DO PAGERS CAUSE CRIME?

The Board of Supervisors recently considered an ordinance outlawing the possession of telephone pagers by persons under 18 years of age. The explanation was that youth use the pagers in selling drugs. Not all of the supervisors were in favor of such a move, saying that the pagers were not the problem...I agree.

It may or may not be that a specific youth uses a pager to make a drug deal. Nonetheless, the pager does not cause the crime. Taking the pager away will not prevent the crime either...the youth can just go use a regular phone as I'm sure many have done in the past (without the pagers).

No, my friends, we must find a better way to save these young lives. So, these great communicators have the latest in telecommunications equipment at their disposal. We need to find a way to out-communicate the great communicators, and that takes plain words and positive actions. We need to be clearer in our messages to youth, and let them learn for themselves how to not only survive their days and nights, but how to thrive.

How we act and what we say are equally important. Maybe the new "BEST Campaign" has a good idea. This group, which is forming nationwide, says that we all have to get together and give the same message...that consistency and commitment are key to successfully defeating the drug problem. We'll hear more from them in the future, I'm sure, so keep an eye out for the "BEST Campaign". Meanwhile, let's continue to talk together and work on ideas to help our young brothers and sisters. We owe it to them, for they are our future.



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AGES: 6 to 10 years of age

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Led by: Elmer and Leah Smith

Filipiniana

Ni Gerry L. Galvan

MAY ILANG MGA mamamayan na nakaranas ng maikli, ngunit makaulugang sulyap sa iba't ibang katangiang bansang Pilipinas. Kabilang dito'y ang pananamba ng mga Pilipino sa Maykapal, ang kanilang kabubayan, kasulatan, at pagimpok ng kabibasan. Nagpalabas ng palatuntunang may nglang "Filipiniana" at tinkdang tumpak na panguring "Sulyap." Ito'y likha ni Reberendo Heremias O. Resus na siya mismo ang nagbigkas ng miksi ngunit makuhulugang kasaysayang bansang Pilipinas.

Sinimulan ni Reberendo Resus ang kanyang bigkas/ulat sa pamamagitan ng pagtalakay ng pangyayari sa lupa't tubig noong di mabilang bilang na taong nakaraan. Lumitaw, ika niya, ang mahigit na pitong libong kaliitlitang lupa't pangpang. Ayon kay Resus, ang mga buluga o maitim na tao sa gawing kahundukan ay pawang patunay na ang Pilipinas ay babagi ng malawak na lupaing Asiya.

Ang mga nsabing baluga, na kaawig ng mga tinatawag nilang "Negro" ay mayroong sariling binibigkas na salita. Ang salitang ito'y isa sa huwalong pu't pitung (87) uri sa huong bansa. Hindi kasinugaliang sabiging kaanak sila ng mga mitim na taong tiga Aprika.

Si Heremias O. Resus ay matalino ng isinalaysay ang pangyayari sa bansang Pilipinas bubat noong nabiyak ang lupalup ng Asiya at lumitaw ang bigit na

pitong libong lupa't pangpang. Tinalakay niya ang kasalukuyang paghibimagsik ng mga mamamayang Pilipino sa panabong ang sukdulang kabiasnan o ang tinatawag na "computer technology."

Kung papanong nagkaroon ng "Presbyterian" at "Presbyterian Unido" pati na "Methodismo" at "Baptist" sa bansang Pilipinas ay naging matamis na balita sa maraming kaanib ng simbahan, pati na ang inyong tagulat. Noon lang namin nalaman na ang mga misionariang pinadala ng Iglesia Protestante dito sa Amerika ay ikinalat ang iba't ibang sekto sa mga lugar at karatig pook at ang hawa't pook ay may sariling uring sekta.

Sumali ang mga tagamasid sa palatuntunang "Filipiniana/Sulyap." Magtanong sila ng mga iba't ibang bagay ukol sa Pilipinas. Noon napatunayang mayroong maraming tao dito sa Amerika na sabik na sabik malaman ang iba't ibang bagay sa Pilipinas. Siya'y nasindak noong malamang malawak ang dunong ng Pilipion sa pagbigkas at pagsulat ng wikang Inglis.

Natuklan ng taong yaon na ang mga paaralang Pilipion'y ginamit na masinsanan ang wikang Inglis sa lahat ng baitan paaralan. Simula noong uang salta ng mga Amerikano (sigulo 1900) banggang buling babaging 1940, ang mga pumapasok sa paaralan ay tinurohan sa wikang Inglis.



Noong nakialam ang mga panatikong mamamayang may bilig sa "ultra-nationalism", sinmulabing gamitin at Tagalog sa mga paaralan.

Ang palatuntunan sa St. James ay hindi lang ukol sa nabanggit na mga bagay. Pinamabigi ng may banda ang pagaliw at kakanin. Sa/tinawag nilang Part II ay pinalabas ang 1) Haranang Pilipino; at 2) Lupong Bayan (Town Gathering)..

Sina Esmie Vanta, Filemon Tolentino, Anak; at si Dapael Tolentino ay unawi/harana; at ang mga bahaeing gumanap sa papel sa "dalaginding" ay sina Josie Tolentino Vanta at Yoly Tolentino.

Inawit ni yoly tolentino ang "Ikaw Lamang; samantalang si Dapael Tolentino ay umawit ng "Kkung Kailangan Mo Ako" at "Di Na Natuto."

Ang kalugud-lugud na magkapatid

na si Violeta R. Galvan at Ernesto Romero ay nappakitang gilad at kakayahan nang sila'y umawit ng dalawaban. Inawit nila ang matamis na kundimang Pampangueniong, "Ating Ko Pong Singsing." Isa sa huwalong pu't pitong uring pananalita sa Pilipinas ang Pampanggo.

Tunay nga, ang mga nagsipagdalo sa pagdiriwang sa St. James ay lubus na nasiyaban noong makitang sirtayaw ng mga lalaki't babae at bindak na "Itik-Itik" at "Tinikling" Sapat ang pinakitnag mga kalaka pang Pilipino na nagbigay ng babagi, ngunit tumpak na larawang Pilipinas.

Naghanda ng iba't ibang uri ng pagkain at pampatid uhaw. Ang "balo'balo" ay nagustuban ng karamiban, at si ginang Elsie Hermann at nagsalitang ganito noong matikan ay balo halong binbandog sa kanya. "Ako'y umakyatlangit nang makakain akong bula bula."

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This Month in S.F. History

July 1: In 1860, a three mile single track was completed by the San Francisco and Mission Railroad from the foot of Market St. to Mission Dolores. In 1899, after nearly 30 years of construction, the new City Hall at the corner of Market and McAllister Sts. was finally completed. It would last less than seven years due to heavy damage in the 1906 earthquake. In 1967, Bay Area Rapid Transit construction crews began excavating the dirt below the surface of Market St. for a subway system.

July 4: In 1850, the Alta California, San Francisco's first daily newspaper, became the first California publication to be printed on steam-powered presses. In 1876, San Franciscans first witnessed a display of electric light, shown from the roof of St. Ignatius College. In 1882, the Telegraph Hill Observatory first opened its doors. In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt sent the first message to the Philippine Islands on the new Pacific Cable. In 1907, Telegraph Hill's Pioneer Park was dedicated.

July 5: In 1934, disgruntled City workers and police clashed in the general strike's "Bloody Thursday," resulting in two fatalities.

July 9: In 1846, a United States flag was first raised in San Francisco, then known as Yerba Buena.

July 13: In 1898, the Ferry Building at the foot of Market Street opened.

July 15: In 1917, a celebration was held at the west portal of the Twin Peaks Tunnel to celebrate its completion.

July 17: In 1853, Bishop Alemany laid the cornerstone of Old St. Mary's Church at California St. and Grant Ave. (then Dupont St.) to commence construction.

July 19: In 1880, San Francisco opened its first lending library. In 1955, the Balclutha, now on display as part of the Hyde Street Pier, first tied up at Pier 43 as a floating museum.

July 23: In 1852, the Presidio's U.S. National Cemetery received its first interment.

July 25: In 1903, a mysterious fire destroyed the 21-year-old castle observatory at the peak of Telegraph Hill.

July 28: In 11849, the Memnon made a 120-day voyage from New York to become the first clipper ship to arrive in San Francisco Bay.

July 29: In 1958, with dwindling patronage due mainly to the 22-year old Bay Bridge, the Southern Pacific Bay Ferris discontinued service.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CITY COMMISSIONS & BOARDS

Airports Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday	3:00PM
Arts Commission	1st Monday	3:00PM
Board of Education	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00PM
Board of Supervisors	each Monday	2:00PM
Commission on Aging	1st Wednesday	9:30AM
Comm. on the Status of Women	4th Thursday	4:00PM
Health Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday	3:00PM
Housing Authority Commission	2nd & 4th Thursday	4:00PM
Human Rights Commission	1st & 3rd Thursday	4:30PM
Library Commission	1st Tuesday	4:30PM
Planning Commission	each Thursday	1:30PM
Police Commission	each Wednesday	5:30PM
Public Utilities Commission	2nd & 4th Tuesday	2:00PM
Recreation & Parks Comm.	3rd Thursday	2:00PM
Social Services Commission	4th Thursday	9:30AM

Little Hollywood Reports

by: Don Bertone

The next general membership meeting of the Little Hollywood Association will be on Tuesday, July 9th, 7PM, at the Korean Presbyterian Church on 120 Lathrop Avenue. Everyone in Vis-Valley is invited to attend our meetings because most of the issues we talk about affect us all. For more information, call 467-9669. There is a 24-hour Voice mail feature at that number that will allow you to listen to news on a particular subject. Just push the button on your phone that corresponds to the message you want to hear. Your group's message can be placed there at no charge; call to find out how! Please note that unless an article appears in the GRAPEVINE announcing a meeting, there will be no meeting for that month. Special interests or problems can always be brought up at any meeting. Guest speakers are always invited to attend. This is your forum, so make it work. The only reason that our neighborhood does not get run over with problems like so many others is that we have such a strong group that is heard downtown and gets things done. There is always plenty of free parking right outside the front door. The GRAPEVINE can be found in newspaper boxes and stores around the area or is mailed to those that have paid for the subscription. This is the ONLY paper that tells what's going on in the neighborhood, so if you don't get it, you miss out. Come to the meetings and make yourself heard or don't complain later that nothing gets done, or even

worse, something you don't want gets done.

The appeal on the Hester Heights project has finally been approved! This month's meeting will be to discuss how we are going to present our grievance to the Board of Supervisors. This will be a closed meeting with only neighborhood residents allowed. We plan to allow the developers to meet with us again before the hearing, if they desire. The request from Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, fell on deaf ears at the City Attorney's office so we ended up paying a \$250 filing fee to have the appeal heard instead. It's like the man says... "It ain't over 'til it's over"! We intend to exhaust every avenue of redress until the neighborhood gets the protection we require. The City Attorney isn't off the hook yet. There is still the matter of why the Bureau of Mapping and Engineering made such a sloppy count on our petition (sole property owners being counted as half-owners, and some lots weren't even counted at all)! We were only 3/4% short on our signatures according to them even though we had obtained signatures from 40% of the families that live near there. When we

recounted, we found that we had done our part but the City refused to hear our case. This is some sort of cover-up that I intend to expose. If it is happening here, it must be happening all over the City. How many petitions have been denied to other people based on the same sloppy method of counting?

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Thank you to Mr. Renie Champagne
and the Joseph J. Verducci Post 8750 of
the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They
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Visitation Valley Community Center...Just in time for Independence Day.
Thanks so much.

FOUND: one pair of tinted
prescription eyeglasses with a neon
green neck cord. Found at Baysboro
Blvd. bus stop. Call 467-6400.

IN THE PARKS

SATURDAY, JULY 6

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- Visit the Doelger
Primate Discovery Center, one of the
most innovative zoo exhibits ever built,
the center displays 16 species of rare
and endangered monkeys and
prosimians in natural settings, at the San
Francisco Zoo, Sloat Blvd. at Pacific
Ocean, fee, call 753-7080 for informa-
tion, fee.

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. -- 1991 Summer All
Star Basketball, Summit Broad-
casting, Panhandle, Golden Gate Park, call 922-
5058 for more information.

11 a.m. -- Strawberry Hill Tour, Meet
at the Park Map between the Japanese
Tea Garden and the DeYoung Museum
in Golden Gate Park, tour teaches the
history of the Music Concourse Area,
Stow Lake, and Strawberry Hill, view
from atop Strawberry Hill includes the
Marin Headlands, Golden Gate Bridge,
downtown San Francisco, and the Sun-
set District, then proceeds down Hun-
tington Falls and explores the Pioneer
Log Cabin, the Redwood Memorial
Grove, the Reforestation Program and
the beautiful Rose Garden - A bearty
walk for the City explorer! 90 minutes,
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1 p.m. -- Make Your Own Japanese
Fish Banners. all ages welcome, \$3 fee,
children under 8 must be accompanied
by an adult, Randall Museum, 199
Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way on
Corona Heights, call 554-9600 for more
information.

Sunday, July 7

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. -- 1991 Summer All
Star Basketball Tour, Summit Broad-
casting, Panhandle, Golden Gate Park,
call for more information.

1 p.m. -- Enjoy the Golden Gate Park
Band, with Conductor Robert Hansen,
at the fountain in the Band Concourse
Area eastern end of Kennedy Drive,
Golden Gate Park, free, (weather per-
mitting).








2 - 3:30 p.m. -- San Francisco Mime
Troupe performs at Mission Dolores
park, 19th and Dolores Sts., call 285-
1717 for more information. 6:30
- 8:30 p.m. -- Volleyball for Adults,
Upper Noe Recreation Center, Day
and Sanchez Sts., call 695-5011 for more
information.

10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. -- Arts and Crafts
for Seniors, Rosa Parks Senior Center,
1111 Buchanan St., call 285-1717 for
more information.



July, 1991 DATES TO REMEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  CANADA DAY	2 U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS ACT SIGNED 1964!	3	4  HAPPY B-DAY AMERICA!	5 7:00PM VISVALLEY ASIAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 66 RAYMOND	6
7 VVCC BINGO 1:00	8	9	10	11  NEW MOON	12	13  ISLAMIC NEW YEAR
14  VVCC BINGO 1:00 * BASTILLE DAY	15	16	17 NELSON MANDELA'S BIRTHDAY	18	19  FIRST U.S. WOMEN'S RIGHTS CONVENTION HELD - 1848	20  FIRST MAN ON THE MOON 1969
21 VVCC BINGO 1:00	22	23	24	25	26 VV IMPROVMT CLUB'S CRIMEWATCH MEETING 3:00 PM 66 RAYMOND	27 9:30 AM VVCC BOARD
28 VVCC BINGO 1:00 * 14TH AMENDMENT RATIFIED 1868	29	30	31			

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Tuesday, July 9

11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. -- Bridge Games
for Seniors, Golden Gate Park Senior
Center, 6101 Fulton St., at 37th Ave. in
Golden Gate Park, 50 fee, call 666-7015
for more information.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. -- Volleyball for
Adults, Upper Noe Recreation Center,
Day and Sanchez Sts., call 695-5011 for
more information.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. -- Summer Teen
Photography Class, 8 Wednesday ses-

sions, July 10 - August 28, \$25 fee,
Photography Center, 50 Scott St., call
554-9522 for more information.

7 - 9 p.m. -- "A Study of Asteraceae,
The Daisy Family", two Wednesday
classes, July 10 and 17, S.F. County Fair
Building, 9th Ave. and Lincoln Way,
Golden Gate Park, \$30 fee, sponsored
by the Strybing Arboretum Society, call
661-0668 for more information.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

1:30 p.m. -- 1991 Summer Festival of
Performing Arts, featuring Stepsisters,
PMS, Rudy Salvina Big Band,

Bandsell Area, Golden Gate Park, call
474-3914 for more information.

6:30 - 9:30 p.m. -- Badminton for
Adults, Sunset Recreation Center, 28th
Ave. and Lawton St., call 753-7098 for
more information.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

3 - 5 p.m. -- Recreational Swimming
at King Pool, 3rd and Carroll Sts., fee,
call 822-5707 for more information.

7 p.m. -- San Francisco Pro Am Bas-
ketball League vs. Warrior Rookies,
Kezar Pavilion, Stanyan and Waller Sts.

MUSICAL NOTES

Jon Jang, Chinese-American jazz
pianist and composer is widely recog-
nized as one of jazz music's rising im-
pressarios. His music is an inventive,
powerful and explicitly political blend
of African American jazz and tradition-
al Asian sounds. Mr. Jang was principal
composer for the recent multi-media
event "SenseUs-the Rainbow National
Anthems", a celebration of America's
cultural diversity through music and
words. He is also co-founder of Asian
Improv Records, one of the only Asian
American jazz labels in the United
States. His big band, The Pan Asian
Arkestra, recently released their debut
album, "Never Give Up!" Mr. Jang will
appear on KQED-TV's show "The
Creative Mind" on Wednesday, July 17,

1991 at 7:30PM.

Every Sunday throughout the sum-
mer, there are two free concerts...one is
at Golden Gate Park's Music Con-
course at 1:00 PM, and features Robert
Hansen directing the Golden Gate Park
Band. A special program coming up is
San Francisco Day, June 23, 1991,
featuring the Ballet Folklorico de
Mexico. This is a terrific dance group,
and all ages will enjoy the colorful folk
tales and costumes. Call 666-7106 for
information.

The other Sunday afternoon con-
certs are at Stern Grove, 19th Avenue
and Sloat Blvd. Beginning at 2:00 PM,
the concerts feature different artists
each week. The grand opening for this
summer is on June 16, 1991 and features

Chanticleer, the Kronos Quartet, Pickle
Family Circus Alumni, San Francisco
Girls Chorus and the San Francisco
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for ten weeks. Call 666-7027 for infor-
mation.

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On the agenda for discussion at the
next regular meeting of the board of
Education is a "WAIVER REQUEST"
of Education Code Section 6400 (c)
which involves school-site Program
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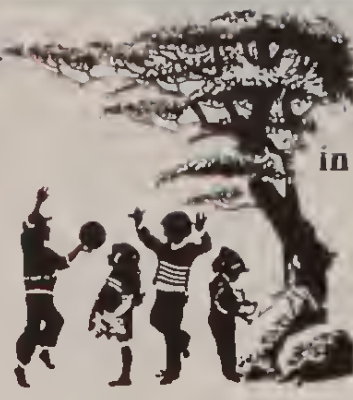
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